GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4999
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LITTLE CHEER FOR CGHS BENEFICIARIES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Little Cheer for CGHS beneficiaries` appeared in the Times of India on June 19, 2000;

(b) if so, facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) whether the Government have any proposal to open `polyclinic` in R.K. Puram to provide the facilities to the CGHS beneficiaries; and

(d) if so, the decision of the Union Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information is given at Annexure-A.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) In view of (c) above, the question does not arise.

ANNEXURE -A

The patient-doctor-staff ratio is adequate in CGHS dispensaries. By and large, all the medicines for day to day requirement are available in the CGHS dispensaries. In case, any medicine prescribed by the Specialist is not available in the dispensary, the same is procured from authorised local chemist against individual prescription. In emergency, an authority slip is given to the patient for immediate procurement of the medicine from the authorised local chemist for which the beneficiary does not have to make any payment. The Medical reimbursement claims of CGHS beneficiaries are generally processed within 4 to 8 weeks time except in a few cases where clarifications/concurrence has to be obtained for taking decisions.

There is no curtailment of benefits for the CGHS beneficiaries either throughrestrictive measures or by way of withdrawal of facilities. Instead, the CGHS is constantly striving to improve and augment its services.Further, the CGHS is providing the required services and medicines to the beneficiaries through its dispensaries. Only such cases are referred to Specialists of Govt./Private hospitals recognised under CGHS where the expert opinion / consultation/medical procedures are needed by the beneficiaries.

Rates of CGHS contribution have been enhanced with effect from 1.5.98 in accordance with the recommendations contained in the report of the Fifth Central Pay Commission and after obtaining concurrence of the Ministry of Finance.The benefits under the scheme are extended equally to all its beneficiaries irrespective of status or class and there is no question of giving an elitist approach to the Scheme.